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On the occasion of the 18th Annual Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival, the Department of Industry and Commerce salutes the Mushers and their Dogs. Their courage and endurance have made the longest dog race in the world a highly competitive and spectacular event, which has brought international recognition to The Pas and to Manitoba.

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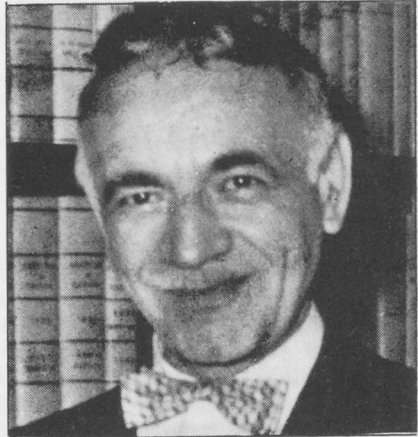
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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR HARRY TRAGER



The color and tradition of the North is our Trappers' Festival. We in The Pas are proud of this spectacular Winter Show - this is the only one of it's kind. Designed with it's own special frontier flavour. It has provided a mid-winter entertainment and has pointed with pride to the rich resources and development potential of Northern Manitoba.

To the executive and committee members of the Eighteenth Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival, I extend my congratulations, and to our visitors a very hearty welcome.

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Each year at the Trappers' Festival the "Spirit of the North" prevails. This is the spirit of comradeship, hospitality and mutual respect and is one of the prime ingredients upon which the North was built.

We recall on this occasion the rugged men and women who over the years accepted the challenge of the unknown and the rigours of climate, distance and privation. Today with the various kinds of communication and transportation facilities available it is easy to forget the difficulties of pioneers of even a short time ago. We forget too the qualities of courage, resourcefulness and humanity which were put to the test, almost every day. We remember these men and women during the Trappers' Festival -- the trapper, the prospector, the bushman, the fisherman, and all those who provided essential services.

We remember too the faithful Sleigh Dog which provided transport and communications throughout the long winter months. A vast variety of substitutes take his place today but none so willing, faithful or devoted. It is fitting that the major event of the Trappers' Festival commemorates his fetes of strength and endurance and his contribution to the development of the North.

To the executive of the 1965 Trappers' Festival - the competitors, visitors and supporters - may I extend my very best wishes.

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General Chairman's Message



It is again my pleasure to welcome our many friends and visitors to the 18th Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival, I trust that each and every one of you enjoy this years Festival.

A big thank you goes to the Executive who have worked hard and diligently for the past ten months to bring the 18th Annual Festival to you, to the many service clubs etc., for their participation and help, the Lions Club for the handling of our many sporting events, the Kinsmen for the running of our various Dog Sled Races, the B.P.O. Elks for the erection of the Ice Palace, the Lion'L's for the Fur Fashion Show, the Kinettes for the assistance at Festival Headquarters, the Rotary Club for the handling of the Festival Highlites, the Town Employees Union for the Construction of the welcome entrance to the Town, to the Air Cadets and Boy Scouts for the street decorations and erection of trees, and to the Many Provincial Government Departments and Department of Indian Affairs for their assistance in many phases of the Festival, and to the great many individuals who in **their own way have contributed** so much to the success of this great winter event.

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And to our donors, a sincere Thank You, your participation has made the many events possible.

To our beautiful Fur Queen Candidates and their sponsors for their untiring efforts and many hours of work for the honor to become Fur Queen of The North.

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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th:

7:00 P.M. — Mushers' Banquet - Guy Hall Guest Speaker Brock-Smith
Midnite to 3:00 A.M. — Trappers' Rendez-vous - Elk's Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th:

9:45 A.M. - Opening Remarks - opening of start of Dog Derby
(\$3,000.00 in prizes, including daily lap prizes & Labatt Trophy)
10:00 A.M. - First Lap W.C. Dog Derby
10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Mrs. Bickford's Historical Display - Board Room
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11:00 A.M. - Power Toboggan Competitions - Hill Climb
11:30 A.M. - Indian Arts & Handicraft Show - Friendship Centre
12:00 Noon - Street Dancing
1:30 P.M. - Broomball
1:30 P.M. - Men's Flour Packing
Ladies Flour Packing Senior Events
Men's Canoe Packing Ice Palace
Men's Jousting
2:00 P.M. - Fur Fashion and Tea - Guy Hall
2:00 P.M. - Power Toboggan Competition - Obstacle Race
3:00 P.M. - Estimated Arrival of Dog Derby
4:00 P.M. - Street Dancing
4:00 P.M. - Those Derby Days (matinee) Lido Theatre
7:00 P.M. - Queen Candidates Parade
8:30 P.M. - Those Derby Days - Lido Theatre
9:00 P.M. - Indian Pow-Wow - Norlite Hall
Midnite to 3:00 A.M. - Trappers' Rendez-vous - Elk's Hall

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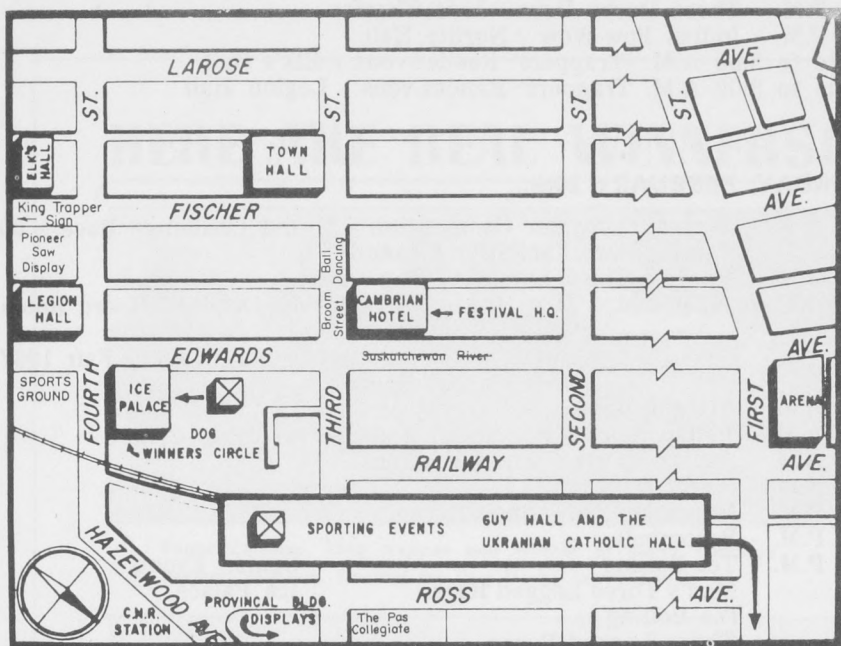
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th:

- 10:00 A.M. - Start second lap W.C. Dog Derby
- 10:30 A.M. - Junior Dog Derby
- 11:00 A.M. - Log Lifting Contest
- Log Throwing Contest
- Pulpwood Cutting
- Wood Sawing - Wood Splitting
- 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. - Mrs. Bickford's Historical Display - Board Room
- Provincial Building
- Centennial Corporation Display World's Fair 1967
- Provincial Building
- 11:00 A.M. - Power Toboggan Competition - Scavenger Hunt
- 11:00 A.M. - Indian Arts & Handicraft Show - Friendship Centre
- 12:30 P.M. - Crowning of Fur Queen
- 1:30 P.M. - Broomball
- 1:30 P.M. - Trap Setting
- North Pole Climbing
- Bannock Baking
- Rat Skinning
- Fat Ladies Race
- Jousting
- Trap Setting
- North Pole Climbing
- 2:00 P.M. - Power Toboggan Competition - Ogstacie Race
- 2:00 P.M. - Fur Fashion Show and Tea - Guy Hall
- 3:00 P.M. - Estimated arrival of Dog Derby
- 5:00 P.M. - Square Dancing Exhibition
- 7:00 P.M. - Monster Bonfire and Weiner Roast
- Senior Events
- Ice Palace
- Senior Events
- Ice Palace
- Junior Events
- Ice Palace

8:30 P.M. - Those Derby Days - Lido Theatre

9:00 P.M. - Indian Pow-Wow - Norlite Hall

Midnite to 3:00 A.M. -Trappers' Rendez-vous - Elk's Hall

Midnite to 3:00 A.M. Trappers' Rendez-vous - Legion Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th:

9:00 A.M. - Power Toboggan Competition - Grand Challenge Race - 50 Miles - Start Exhibition Grounds

10:00 A.M. - Start of Third Lap W.C. Dog Derby

10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. - Mrs. Bickford's Historical Display - Board Room
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10:30 A.M. - Freight Race

11:00 A.M. - Indian Arts & Handicraft Show - Friendship Centre

11:00 A.M. - Junior Sports - -The Pas Arena

12:00 Noon - Street Dancing

1:30 P.M. - Marathon Snow Shoe Race

2:00 P.M. - Broomball

1:30 P.M. - Tea Boiling	Senior Events
Men's Three Legged Race	Ice Palace

- Tea Boiling
- Three Legged Race

Pole Lifting

Wheel Barrel

Snow Shoe Race

1:30 P.M. - Power Toboggan Competition - Races and special events

1:30 P.M . Net Setting

3:00 P.M. - Estimated arrival of Dog Derby

4:00 P.M. - Soap Box Derby

4:00 P.M. - Power Toboggan Competition - Grand Challenge Race

4:30 P.M. - Powder Puff Derby

5:00 P.M. - Street Dancing

7:30 P.M. - Festival Highlights - The Pas Arena

8:00 P.M. - Square Dance Jamboree - Guy Hall

9:00 P.M. - Indian Pow-Wow - Norlite Hall

9:00 P.M. - Teen Dance - Elk's Hall

9:30 P.M. - Queen's Ball - Legion Hall

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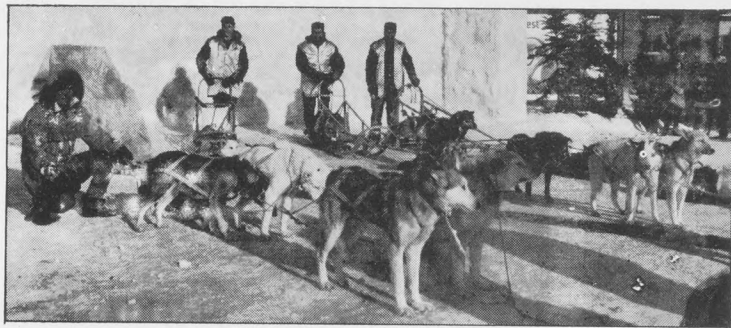
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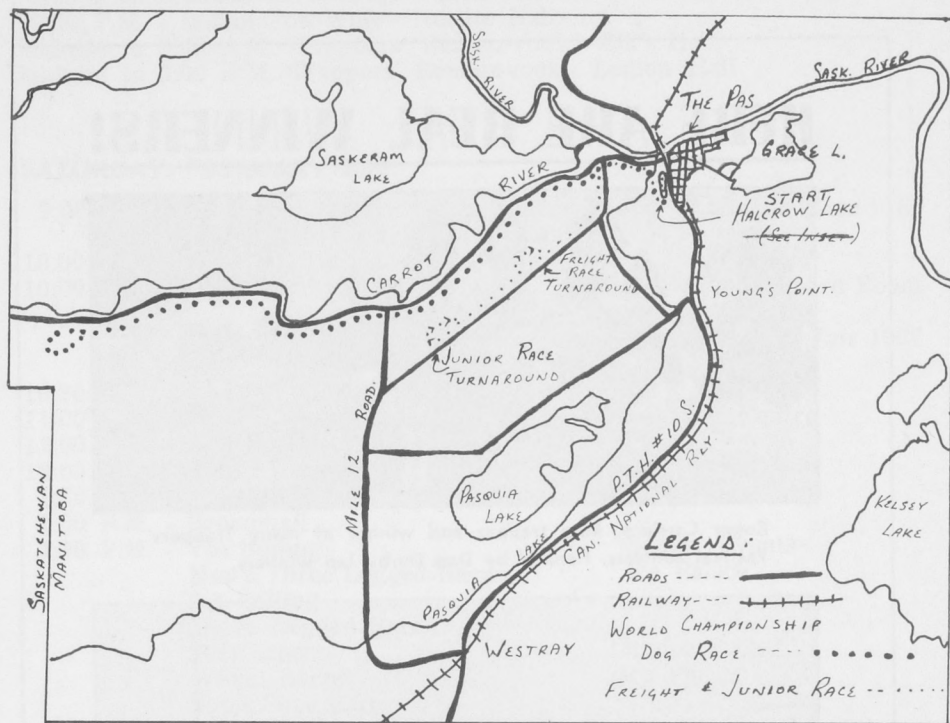
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Welcome to The Pas and to the 18th annual Trappers' Festival.

We would like to thank all Service Clubs and Organizations for their time and efforts for making this Festival possible.

To all our Advertisers who contributed to our Souvenir Booklet.

To all our Donors that helped in our Prizes for various competitions.

To the Press, Radio and T.V. personnel for their devoted time and efforts for covering the different phases of the Festival.

To all our Visitors a very Special Welcome.

To one and all we hope that the 18th Trappers' Festival will be a memorable one.

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FUR QUEEN CANDIDATES



MISS FRIENDSHIP CENTRE
Mary Personius

The Friendship Centre has chosen Mary "Toy Toy" Personius as their entry for the Trappers' Festival Fur Queen Candidate. "Toy Toy" is Cree for the name Mary.

This lovely young lady is eighteen years of age, is 5 ft. 1" tall and weighs a trim 100 pounds.

Mary is from the Big Eddy Reserve, and has taken her schooling The Pas and Brandon. Her hobbies and skating, swimming and trapping.



MISS FLIN FLON
Sherron Wiggins

An 18 year old 5'4" blonde with green eyes, Sherron is a real Flin Floner. Born in Winnipeg, she moved to Flin Flon before she was 2, attended elementary school and Hapnot Collegiate. On completing her grade eleven, she took a position with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, where she is currently employed.

In summer she heads for the beaches and swimming, and when the snow flies, she turns her attention to bowling and skating.

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Shirley is a Grade 12 student in Yorkton Collegiate - active in all school sports and a very friendly and attractive girl.

MISS THE PAS

Judy Colgan

Judy is sponsored by The Pas Curling Club. She is a grade 12 student at the Margeret Barbour Collegiate and plans to go to nurses training in the Fall of 1965. She plays piano and enjoys curling, bowling and swimming. Judy is a blue eyed blonde and is 5'4" tall.



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MISS THE PAS

Joan Robinson

Miss Joan Robinson, the choice of the Rotary Club as candidate for the 1965 Trappers' Festival Queen.

The attractive 22 year old Joan is presently employed with the Department of Public Works, Highways Branch. Joan was born here and is well known to the community. Her interests are skating, curling and bowling.

MISS MINNEDOSA

Sandra Templeton

Sandra represents Minnedosa in our Annual Fur Queen Contest. Sandra is 18 years old, 5'5" tall and weighs 121 pounds. Her other pleasing statistics run 34-22-34. Sandra's home is Basswood, Manitoba, a small community 9 miles from Minnedosa.

Sandra's hobbies include needlework, swimming and horse back riding.



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**MISS INDIAN & METIS
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Angie Monkman

Angie is the Winnipeg Indian and Metis Friendship Centre's choice for Fur Queen Candidate for the 18th Annual Trappers' Festival. Born at Loon Straits, Manitoba November 8, 1939, where she obtained the initial part of her education till she moved to Winnipeg.

She has taught at an Elementary School but presently is employed as a steno at the Wawanesa Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Winnipeg.

Her interests are baseball, swimming, volleyball and curling. She has been a secretary of the Indian and Metis Council of the Centre for three years and still holds this position.

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MISS SNOW LAKE

Linda Diane Arlott

Linda was born in St. Boniface, spent most of her life in the North. She received part of her education in Flon Flon and Montreal.

Presently she is completing high school in Snow Lake. Linda is active in curling, skating, swimming, water skiing. She also participates in the Glee Club and Drama Club.

Linda's vital statistics are: Age 18, Height 5 foot, Weight 115 Lbs, Blond Hair and Green Eyes.

MISS FLIN FLON

Diane Bottrell

Diane too, is a native of Flin Flon. Born in Portage la Prairie she came to Flin Flon 19 years ago, attended Birchview School and Sir Maurice Roche High School. She graduated from Victoria General Hospital in September of this year.

21 years old in October, 5'4" tall with ash blond hair, and green eyes. Diane is currently nursing at the General Hospital. Skating and being a Bomber fan fill the winter months, and in summer its swimming and water skiing. Both girls love to dance.



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FUR FASHION SHOW



The Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival Fur Fashion Show has become one of the high points of the annual event here in The Pas. The show has been sponsored for the past two years by Kerr's Furs of The Pas. The Kerr firm originated the fur fashion show many ye-



ars ago when the Trappers' Festival was only an infant. Since that time fur fashions have changed, but the quality of workmanship that goes into fur coats, hats and fashion accessories has not changed.

As well as the fur coats, stoles and jackets that are shown every year at the show, many locally made articles are also displayed for the visitors. Hats and fur accessories and novelties are some of the highlights of the show.

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Set against the colorful background of The Pas in the early days this year's Trappers' Festival Show will feature several well known Manitoba artists in combination with highly talented local people to bring you the best in variety show entertainment.

Featured artists in the show are Meros Lekow and Ken Honey who have worked as a show business team for over ten years. These two gentlemen will be the central attraction of Those Derby Days and appear throughout their song numbers, comedy skits and other versatile acts. The two have appeared through most of Manitoba and on occasion across the line in towns near the border.

Meros Leckow began dancing at the age of 12 and learned the basic Cossack dance from his father. Later, on the R.K.O. circuit throughout Canada and the States, Leckow was featured in acts of his own. **An accomplished violinist, as**

well as dancer, on Broadway he fiddled while doing a Cossack dance.

The master of the tap-dance, the late Bill Robinson taught Leckow new routines and he added them to his acts. As a member of General Plantoff's Don Cossack Chorus, Leckow was the principal dancer and then became the company's business manager.

Also appearing on the program will be the Dominos one of the top quartets in the Winnipeg area and members of the Sweet Adelines female barbershop group in the city.

Bob Publow, a Winnipeg baritone, will also be joining the show.

Backing up the imported talent will be Delores Chartier, Rick Johnson, Marg Reid, Art Johnson, and Dr. S. Carey of The Pas under the direction of Denise Morrish, Joyce Colgan and Norma Booth.



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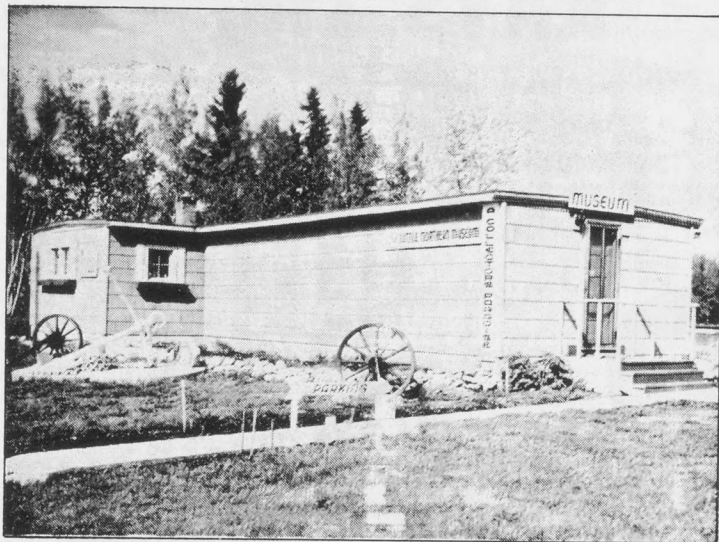
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FRIENDSHIP CENTRE—

The Pas Indian and Metis Friendship Centre, is one of approximately 14 centres which have come into being in the last few years, across Canada. Trial arrangements and methods vary with the location however, in all cases the centres came into existence as a result of similar communities facing up to their inter-ethnic problems.

Aims and objectives vary slightly however basically the aims could be stated thus — To bridge a gap of misunderstanding and create mutual understanding between people of Indian decent and others, and to establish relationship and build up resource material which people of Indian ancestry may use to develop their own self-help programmes.

To work with all agencies in helping to provide opportunity for Indian people to take an active part in Canadian society.

The centre has an expanding

programme, which includes — education classes, language classes, rifle club, car club, P.T. classes, square dance club, etc. In addition there are facilities for ping pong, darts, checkers, reading and writing room, T.V. and social dances. There are numerous meetings held at the centre including the regular meeting of The Pas Band Council on alternate months.

Programmes are by no means limited to people of Indian decent, and in fact a number of the programmes involve approximately 50 percent non-Indian participation.

Quite a number of people feel that the Friendship Centres should be an overnight success, however anyone with a clear understanding of the situation realizes that there must be mutual understanding on both sides of the fence, and that centres are a progressive start to solving problems dating back at least half a century.

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A HERITAGE —

The Labatt Trophy, emblematic of the world championship Dog Race, was designed by noted wildlife artist, Clarence Tellenius.

Mr. Tellenius has captured in bronze not only a trophy, but rather a fitting memento to the people of the North who played the most prominent part in the settlement of what was to become the Province of Manitoba.

It was the fur trade that stirred the interest of the great powers of the era to establish trading posts in the northern part of the country. As this chain of posts grew and the wealth of natural resources became apparent to the outside world, settlers arrived, strangely enough through the northern entrances to the territory and

made their way to the agricultural basin known as the Red River Valley.

Without the dogs and the men who drove them to keep the lines of communication open, bringing in much needed supplies often at critical times, it is doubtful that many of the early settlers could have survived.

One senses the artist portrays the spirit of the North and the resolute character of the individuals who live there.

It is hoped that the Labatt Trophy will long remain a tribute to the people of the north country to be looked on with pride for past contributions and those they continue to make in this wonder-country of ours.

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INDIAN ARTIFACTS

A particularly interesting hobby that has become a growing pastime with C. H. Patterson, Director of the North-Western Region, Department of Renewable Resources, is collecting of Indian Artifacts. Cece began his collecting as early as 1914, while living on a farm near Brandon, Manitoba. Since that time he has found his collection growing every year to what he now believes to be one of the largest collections in Canada of its kind.

Indian "Artifacts" Mr. Patterson says can be summed up as the tools, weapons, cooking utensils and items of every day use in Indian lives for many centuries. Since the beginning of man he has hunted for food, cooked his food to make it palatable, kept weapons to defend himself and his family. These artifacts of man form the greatest portion of our knowledge of the ancient peoples of the world. Mr. Patterson collects only Indian artifacts not those of other peoples. He believes by concentrating on one people he can form a more complete picture of their lives and customs than by spreading his interest across the greater number of cultures.

Mr. Patterson's collection includes bone needles, bone awls and bone ornaments that were the fundamental tools of the Indian peoples before the discovery of metal. His collection also features

stone arrowheads, spear points, stone pipes and bone beads. Some of the spear points are from 9,000 to 15,000 years old. The collection of arrowheads and spear points has become a popular hobby in Canada in recent years. The 15,000 year old points in Mr. Patterson's collection are spear points he says as are the 9,000 year old peaces. An interesting sidenote here, Mr. Patterson pointed out, was the fact that for many years the Indian peoples had only spears. It was not until later that the bow came into use and then the notching of arrows.

Though Mr. Patterson has gathered his collection from all over Canada, he has had two particularly interesting finds right in the immediate area of The Pas. One site near the Spawn Camp at Clearwater Lake yielded several thousand arrowheads and spear points. The other site, which was the home of Ray LaCharite, when Mr. Patterson worked in and is now Bob Hunter's front yard, yielded a great many pieces of Indian artifacts. The amazing thing about the riverbank site, Mr. Patterson recalls, was the unusual number of bone tools recovered from it. Generally the bone implements buried only rotted away, he points out. For some particular reason the implements buried on this site were in an ideal state of preservation. The site was unusually dry, and this

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probably accounts for it, he feels.

One highly unusual find on this local site was the skelton of an Indian buried in birchbark. Mr. Patterson still has the skelton among his collection.

Some of the bone tools and implements that are in Mr. Patterson's collection have been lost for so long and are so unusual, even the experts in the field are not sure what they were used for.

Among the many prized exhibits in the Patterson collection are a large number of clay and stone Indian pipes. Pipe smoking among the Indian people is a thing that causes much controversy among experts on the subject, Mr. Patterson said. Personally I believe that pipe smoking predates the coming of the white man to America, but many experts disagree with me, he said.

Items of Indian pottery among his collection date back some 1,200 years. Samples that old were fou-

nd in our Clearwater Lake excavation, Mr. Patterson stated.

An unusual collection of eight or nine Indian drums, that are skin covered, copper pots, porcupine quill work, skin ceremonial rattles, birchbark baskets, and other such items complete Mr. Patterson's collection.

Two particularly interesting items pictured here in his collection are a bone bead breastplate of over 80 bone trade beads about 4 inches long. The set is complete, Mr. Patterson said, and this is a rare thing to find in Canada. I picked up this set near Roblin several years ago. The other unusual item pictured is an Indian Mans Medicine Blanket complete with horsehair tassles.

An interesting hobby with a deep historical significance would be the way to sum up Mr. Patterson's chief interest. You find as you spend more years at collecting artifacts that the collection keeps



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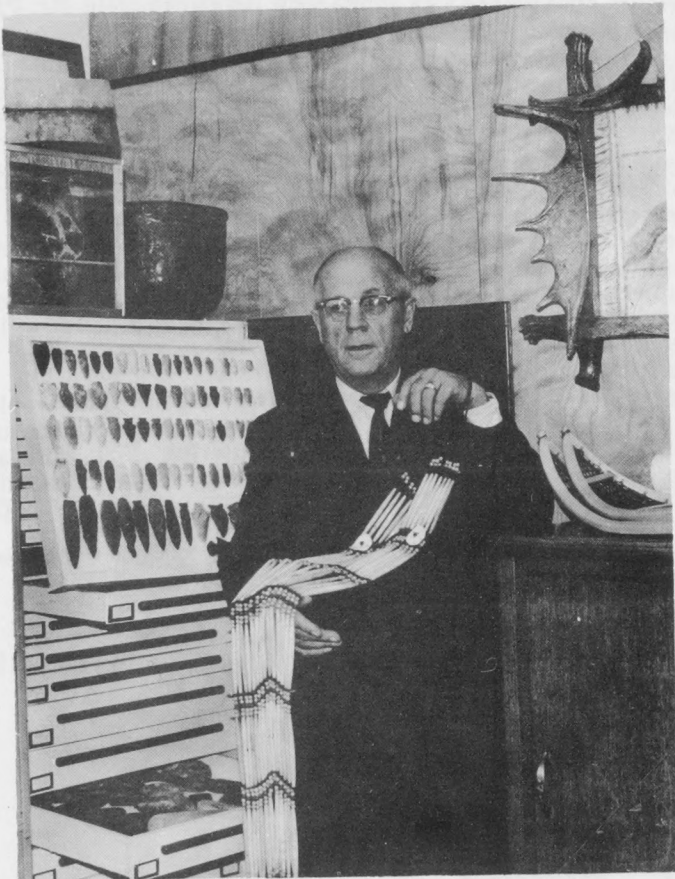
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growing, Mr. Patterson said. People hear about your collection and often have items that they feel would be a valuable addition to it. His first interest with collecting now is to add items to his collection that will help make it comp-

lete. I still have a few items missing that prevent my collection from covering the whole scope of Indian life, and before too long I hope to be able to acquire these things.



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Colourful attire has become so much a part of the Trappers' Festival that it is almost mundane to mention it. However, for our new visitors we selected this example of typical Trappers' Festival dress, even though it is in the pint sized edition.

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Last years queens as they appeared just after the stage show, Queen Iona Wood (centre), Princess Zari Melanchuk (left), and Jocelyn Wilson right

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The Fur Queen contestants will appear at all official events and functions of the Festival. The Queen will be crowned at the Ice Palace on Thursday, February 18th, and will preside at the Queen's Ball on Saturday evening, February 20th.

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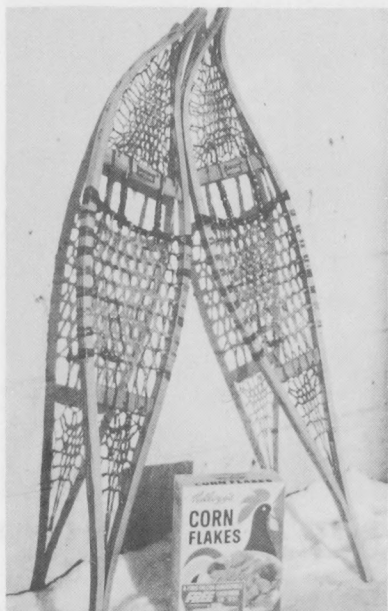
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Madole and Amer might never have been more than a couple of bush rats who came in and out of The Pas in the late twenties had it not been for their curiosity in mining matters. It appears that neither of them knew anything in particular about mining or geology nor had they read much about it. However their trap line, which they shared in the Kississing Lake area had a lot of curious rock sticking out from the surface. In The Pas men were talk-

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ing about the fortunes now to be made since the Whitney interests of New York had brought enough money into the country to develop copper and zinc. Up to that time gold was the thought of the prospector something he could pick up by himself, transport and get to a ready market. When he came to the base metals he knew that he needed lots of outside money.

On the shores of Cold Lake as they called it was an outcrop that they thought had gold and for lack of something better to do they staked it and spent the necessary ten dollars to record it. They tried, off and on to get a bit of free gold from it but while the samples were encouraging, they were never spectacular.

Chance however, was playing in to their hands. The Sherritt claims were getting a lot of attention from mining men looking at copper rather than gold. When the promoters decided they were going to take the risk and work the de-

posits of copper they needed the Madole and Amer property to round out the picture as the claims straddled the ore body prospected by Carl Sherritt. Would the partners sell? They would and did, for the then fabulous sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars in cash.

With possibly never more than that number of cents to their collective names before, the partners suddenly found themselves rich. There was much talk of going into prospecting in a big way and becoming millionaires but first a bit of a holiday. In 1927 the end of the world to the Northern prospector was Winnipeg, they went.

Cash brought ready friends. The two men were young, and attracted a not unreasonable number of the fair sex as well as becoming the easy touch for broken down trappers and prospectors looking for a free meal and drinks. They needed headquarters, and chose a leading hotel in Winnipeg as base of operations. Here they engaged

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a suite of rooms and ordered the best in the house.

Good food and whiskey however began to pall. The partners never tired talking about their prospecting and their life in the great Northland. They always had plenty of listeners, especially among the fair sex, and it was the desire to properly entertain that led to the story for which the two men are probably most famous.

One of the lady companions had innocently asked how the partners got around in the winter when the snow was deep. The snow at Cold Lak probably never got as deep as the partners made out, but according to their stories the depth was simply staggering. Without snowshoes they said they would have been forced to hole up all winter. "Well, what do snowshoes look like?" was the next query and so snowshoes were sent for, a pair for the men and a pair for each of the ladies.

When they arrived in the hotel

they had to be tried on. The harness was duly installed on each and the ties made and the four attempted to tramp around the suite to get the feel of the footing. Both men were dissatisfied. The hotel carpets didn't feel like the good old crunchy snow of Cold Lake. Winnipeg still had no snow and a substitute had to be found. No one knows who, but someone suggested that dry cornflakes would give about the proper crunch under the shoes and that was available.

A wholesale house had an ex-resident of The Pas on the staff, and he agreed to sell them the cornflakes and deliver it. The partners later said they ordered a dozen boxes, thinking of the packages you get from the grocer, but the wholesale clerk, ever mindful of a good sale, sent up a dozen cases each with a gross of packages.

How the delivery was made to the upper floor was probably a

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mystery to the hotel manager later on but the partners were good tippers and the porters probably thought their guests were bringing in a new mine or more money. The delivery was made, filled the room and a great deal of the hall too. After a few more drinks, the task began of opening the packages and scattering the contents to the desired thickness which the partners said should be about six inches. First the room was treated; but after crunching about in the limited space, they both decided they needed a stretch where they could run and teach the girls to run too. The corridor was pressed into use and fortunately they were at one end of the corridor which stretched straight away from the suite door. One could get a run at it from the suite and race to the other end of the hallway and get in a good demonstration snow or no snow.

The corridor was duly spread with the required thickness of the corn flakes before the hotel help appeared to know what was going on. It was said afterwards that they did not know that something out of the ordinary was going on upstairs until the people on the street began to come in with empty corn flake boxes which they said were coming from the windows upstairs.

Now that the racetrack was prepared, the cornflakes were really flying. Both the girls were good pupils and the partners were experts. When the manager arrived to see what was going on, his view was obstructed by flying cornflakes. To make matters worse the girls had been busy between sallies on the snowshoes, using the room phones to tell their numerous friends of the show that was being put on and to ask them to share it. Cornflake fights began to develop. All doors were open to see the fun. Departing guests left a trail of cornflakes all the way down Portage Avenue and there

was not one floor that was not affected.

Of course the manager could not tolerate this escapade, no matter how desirous he was of having well paying guests with a colorful history. He firmly put a stop to the race course and started a special squad to clean up. Cleaning up took a week or more and the manager reported that every room in the hotel eventually got some of the cornflakes. The partners were presented with the cleaning bill, paid it and one of them remarked to the other that they were lucky that there hadn't been any syrup on the cornflakes or they would probably have been carried to a couple of more hotels as well.

The partners had unfortunately forgotten the girls of The Pas and when the story became public property one of them reappeared. If the easycome, easygo companions were to be treated to cornflake runs, what about the true girl companions? Nothing to do but mollify them and the entire contents of a Portage Avenue flower shop were bought out at one purchase. Some difficulty was run into in getting the entire shipment so that it would arrive at once but enough boys were hired to carry the bouquets and potted flowers to completely surround the happy prospectors and their girls. Traffic was tied up for a block or so but the Chief of Police happened along and he provided an escort for the entourage from the flower shop to the hotel while hundreds gaped at the display.

Highflying deals such as these however, soon depleted the bankroll. The partners came back to The Pas to find a new mine. Fortune never smiled again and the partners soon broke up to go their separate ways. Never since as far as can be learned has an artificial snow shoe run been made from breakfast cereal and at least one hotel manager hopes that if it happens it won't be to him.

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1919—Baptiste Campbell; distance 100 miles non-stop, time - 15 hrs. 30 mins.

1920—Walter Goynes; distance 100 miles non-stop, time - 13 hrs. 14 mins.

1921—W. Winterton (musher); C. B. Morgan (owner); distance 200 miles, time - 32 hrs. 50 mins.

1922—W. Grayson (musher); C. B. Morgan (owner); distance 200 miles, time - 24 hrs. 52 mins.

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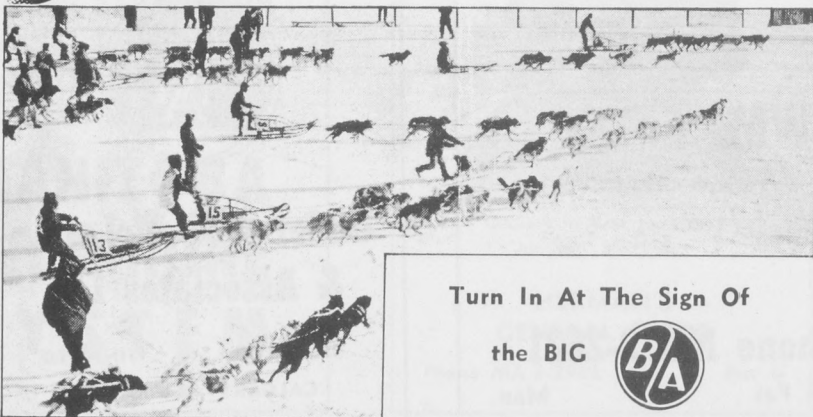
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The highlight of the Trappers' Festival every year is the World Championship Dog Derby for the Labatt Trophy. Last year's winner, Gilbert Lavallee, (right on the run with his dogs) will be back this year as will a host of other dog mushers.

The world championship race has grown in stature every year in the eyes of sportsmen and now ranks as one of the "Things to See" in Canada during the winter months. Mushers train their dogs all winter long in preparation for the big race at The Pas that is the highlight of Canada's sled dog racing season.

The race provides not only a grueling test for the dogs, who must finish with the sled, but also of the mushers who must run for miles behind the sled to rest their dogs. The dog race this year starts on Halcrow Lake at the south end of The Pas and will be plainly visible to the spectators in this natural arena as the mass start gets underway.

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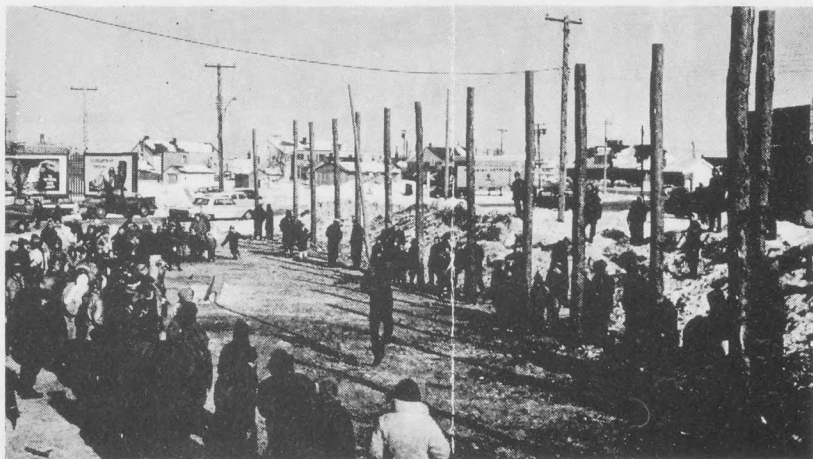
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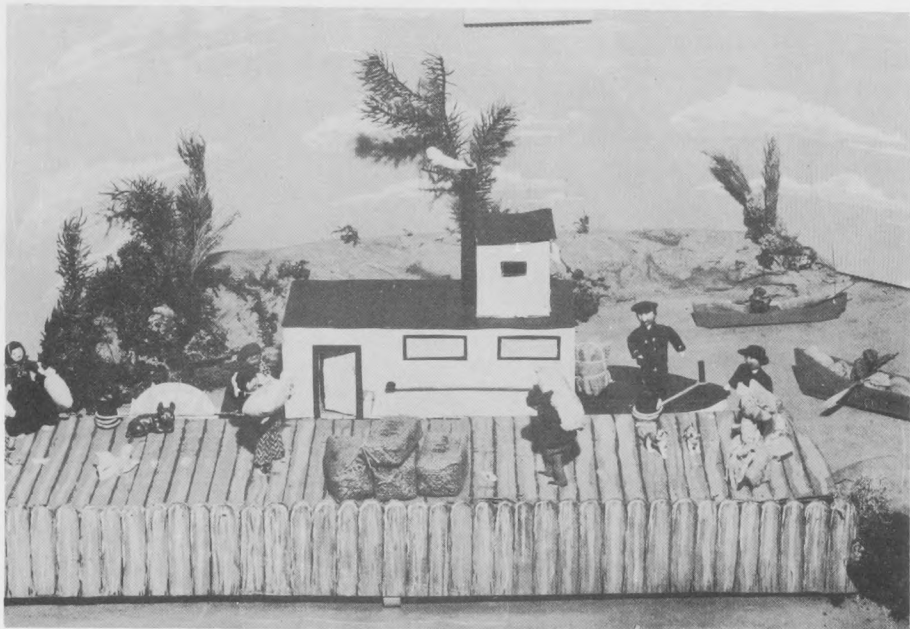
The Trappers' Festival has always been based on northern events and tries to reflect the life of the northern peoples at work and at play, the way things used to be, and the way way they are now. In keeping with this theme the Motor Toboggan races are fast becoming one of the highlights of the Festival show. Every year more entries pour into Festival Headquarters and more spectators become interested in the machines.

The addition of more novelty events to the Motor Toboggan races this year is certing to produce a tough test for both machines and drivers and add to the crowd pleasing attraction.

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A historical display, originally presented as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations in The Pas will be presented in the board room of the provincial building from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily during the Trappers' Festival.

The exhibits featuring scaled down models of the early days in The Pas and vicinity, have proved a pleasing attraction in The Pas before. For new guests to our community they are highly recommended as worth seeing.

One scene shows Fischer Avenue around 1910, with only two early stores, lots of mud and the ladies of The Pas in their finest dresses.

Another scene shows Henry Kelsey having a pow-wow with early Indian settlers in The Pas area. De-

tailed miniatures of Kelsey and the Indian settlement give an excellent impression of life on the frontier as Northern Manitoba knew it.

One scale model of The Pas Lumber Company plant takes you back to the days when "Lumber was King", and The Pas was the centre of one of Western Canada's largest timber operations.

The picture exhibit was done for one of the local church groups and shows the old The Pas River dock where The Pas River meets the Saskatchewan. The "Toban" about to leave on a journey down the Saskatchewan is shown at the dock. Before the coming of the railroad to the North, water transportation was the prime means of travel and The Pas was the centre of a busy river traffic.

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Brightly

1 There's a husk - y, dusk - y maid - en in the arc - tic,
2 Oh, the wed - din' feast will be seal oil and blub - ber;
3 And when all the blink - in' ice - bergs bound a - round us,

In her ig - loo, she's wait - in' there in vain,
In - our kay - aks we'll roam the bound - less main,
Shell pre - sent me with a bounc - in' ba - by boy,

Oh, I guess I'll put my muk - loks on and ask her,
How 'the wal - rus - es will turn their necks to rub - ber,
All the pol - ar bears will dance a rum - ba 'round us,

If she'll wed me WHEN THE ICEWORMS NEST A - GAIN,
We'll be hap - py WHEN THE ICEWORMS NEST A - GAIN,
And the wal - rus - es will click their teeth with joy.

Chorus
In the land of the pale blue snow, Where it's nine - ty - nine be - low, And the
pol - ar bears are roam - in' o'er the plain. In the shad - ow of the
pole I will clasp her to my soul, We'll be hap - py WHEN THE
ICE-WORMS NEST A - GAIN.

2 Oh, the GAIN.
3 And when

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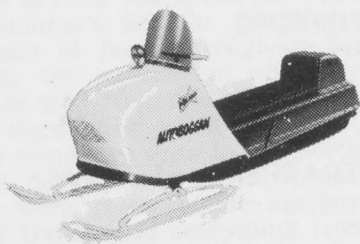
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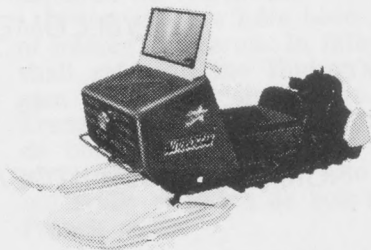
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In French colonial times, the term "Coureur de bois" was a title used in disparagement to describe renegade Frenchmen who ran away to live with the Indians. They lived by hunting and trapping; but because of their low social position, they got little consideration from the courts and were constantly cheated by the Montreal traders,

However, these men became expert rivermen and bushmen. When a trader or missionary or a government representative needed a guide, he turned to the coureurs. Men who travelled with them learned to respect them; and by the time the history books were written, a certain romantic glow had developed around these learned men of the woods and rivers.

Meanwhile, the Hudson's Bay Co. was established at York Factory. These men were English and Scotch. They spoke no French and never heard of Coureurs de bois. They had a high regard for their messengers and explorers whom they sent out to find the Indians and direct them to York Factory. You will never find the expression "Coureur de bois" in the early

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early records of the Company. In fact many of their journeys were made over land in winter. They were not as dependent upon the rivers as were the Frenchmen. Their guides were Crees or Chipewyans and the company chose one of their best men to go along on these expeditions.

However, the Hudson's Bay men were familiar with the term "courier", which signifies a messenger of importance. Couriers went ahead of the king or a nobleman to prepare for his arrival. Couriers carried messages from a rich merchant in London to his representatives in Paris and Rome. So, when the Hudson's Bay Co. established a chain of posts throughout the North, the messengers who carried the mail from one post to another were often called "couriers".

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york boat. These men were usually Cree Indians. They were superior men, strong and skillful. They performed tremendous tasks. They were like the best of the French Coureurs. So whenever Frenchmen and Englishmen met, there was confusion between the three terms. Coureurs de bois or Company coureurs or carriers. In the end, they all turned out to be much the same thing, and the three words are now used interchangeably to refer to the river men who carried the messages and the loads over portages. Who ran the swift rapids, sang beside campfires and explored the Northwest.

In the past, we have been guilty of mixing our terms. In future we shall refer to the Hudson's Bay men as Couriers or Carriers. Only French Canadians were Coureur de bois and they too had many carriers and rivermen who were not really coureurs de bois in the French sense.

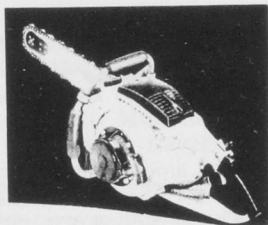
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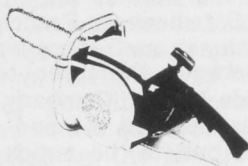
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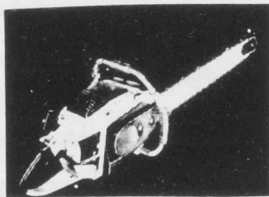
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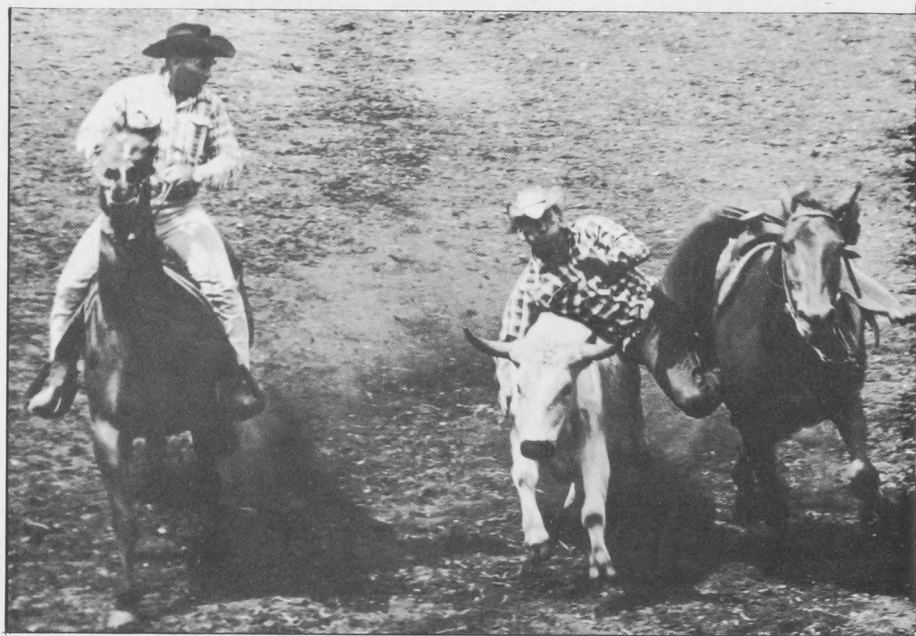
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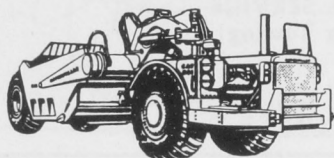
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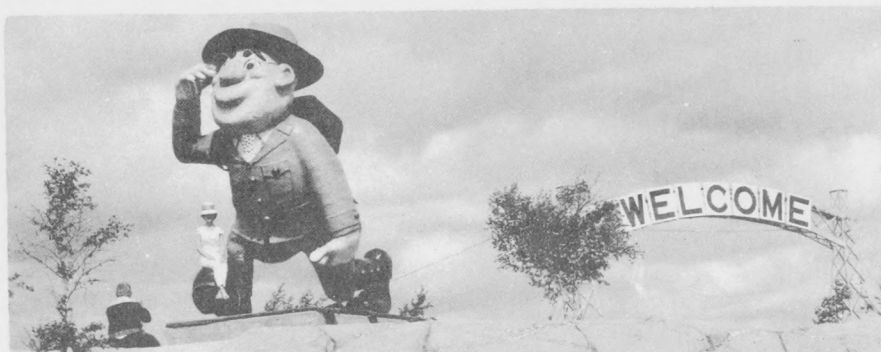
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